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(54) **SKIN COSMETIC**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a skin cosmetic having excellent skin protecting effects and yet improving effects on chapped skin and moisture-retaining ability.

SOLUTION: This skin cosmetic contains (A) a water-swelling clay mineral having 1-5,000 nm average particle diameter by a dynamic light scattering method, ≥ 30 mV absolute value of zeta-potential by an electrophoretic scattering method and $\geq 90\%$ purity by powder X-ray diffraction method and (B) a low-molecular betaine.

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